



BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION 2009

Competitor Biography



Sgt. Matthew R. Phelan
U.S Army Materiel Command
NCO of the Year

Current Unit of Assignment: Information and Intelligence Warfare Directorate, Communications and Electronics Research and Development Center, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Time in Service: 6 years

Sgt. Matthew R. Phelan serves as a 35T, Military Intelligence System Repairer, with the Information and Intelligence Warfare Directorate, Communications and Electronics Research and Development Center, in Fort Monmouth, N.J. He has been in the Army six years and has deployed in support to Operation Iraqi Freedom twice.



Phelan is Combatives Level 1 and Combat Lifesaver certified.

His military awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Achievement Medal; Meritorious Unit Citation (2); Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award); National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (2); and Combat Action Badge.

He completed a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice from East Stroudsburg University.

A resident of Piscataway, N. J., he is married with one daughter.